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BY-LAWS
OF THE
United States Centennial Commission.

ARTICLE I.

Official Title.

This body shall be known as "The United States Centennial Commission," as provided for by the Act of Congress approved March 3d, 1871, and the celebration, for the conduct of which the Commission is appointed, shall be known as "The International Exhibition of 1876."

ARTICLE II.

Quorum.

A quorum for the transaction of business, shall consist of the Commissioners representing not less than a majority of the States and Territories.

ARTICLE III.

Power of Alternate Commissioner.

An Alternate Commissioner shall have all the powers of a Commissioner when the Commissioner is not present at any meeting. When the Commissioner is present, the Alternate shall have all the powers of a Commissioner, but shall have no vote.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers of the Commission.

The officers of the Commission shall consist of a President, six Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Solicitor. Elec-

tions shall be by ballot, and shall be held during the annual session of the Commission in May, on such day of the session as the Commission shall, during its session, designate; notice of which shall be given in open session, at least one day preceding the holding the election. In case of a failure to elect at the time specified, the officers then serving shall continue until the choice of their successors.

ARTICLE V.

Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee, to consist of thirteen members, shall be elected at the regular annual meeting of the Commission, who shall hold their offices one year, and until their successors are elected.

When duly convened, five members shall constitute a quorum for business. It shall elect its own Chairman, appoint its own Clerk, and such agents and employees as it shall deem necessary, and define their duties.

The Committee shall cause to be kept a journal of all its proceedings, transactions, and votes; shall have power to make such rules and regulations for its own government as it may deem proper; shall act without delay on all matters referred to it by the Commission; and make report thereon to the Commission when in open session.

During the sessions of the Commission, the Committee shall have all the powers usually exercised by the Executive Committees of Corporate bodies; and in the recess of the Commission, shall have all the powers and authority of this Commission. In case of a vacancy in the Committee during the recess of the Commission, the same shall be filled by the President until action shall be taken thereon by the Commission.

The rulings of the Commission on any subject connected with the Exhibition, shall be followed and carried out by the Executive Committee.

The papers, books, and journal of its proceedings shall at all times be subject to examination by the Commission, or by any member thereof.

The Standing and other Committ'ion shall report to the Executive Committee, when so requested (provided that it is not during the session of the Commission), the progress of the work of such Committee.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee is authorized to refer to any Committee such matters as may come before it, and which should appropriately have been, or ought to be referred to the Committee during the recess of the Commission.

The Executive Committee shall, at the beginning of each session of the Commission, make full report of the proceedings of the Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

Director General.

For the more efficient conduct and management of the business of the Commission, the Executive Committee shall elect one of its own members, who shall be known and recognized as Director General; whose office shall be at the headquarters of the Commission in Philadelphia; and whose duties, powers, and compensation, shall be fixed by said Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

Duties of the President.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Commission; shall have all the authority and power of the pre-

siding officer of a legislative body; shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered; shall call special meetings of the Commission on his own motion, or on the request of the Executive Committee, or on the request in writing of at least thirteen Commissioners, of which meetings not less than thirty days' notice shall be given to each member, by mail or telegraph; he shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of the Vice-Presidents.

A Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform his duties, each taking precedence in accordance with the order of his election.

ARTICLE IX.

Duties of the Secretary.

The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Commission, and perform such duties as are incidental to the office of Treasurer; he shall receive and carefully file all documents relative to the business of the Commission; he shall be present at the office of the Commission, in the City of Philadelphia, and carry out any orders of the Commission or the Executive Committee; he shall keep minutes of all transactions, and at each meeting, or when required, report all matters of interest to the Commission and the Executive Committee. All books, documents, and papers in his possession shall at all times be open to the inspection of any member.

ARTICLE X.

Payment of Moneys.

No money shall be drawn from the treasury of the Commission except on specific appropriations made by the Com-

mission or the Executive Committee, under such rules and restrictions as the Executive Committee shall prescribe.

ARTICLE XI.

Standing Committees.

There shall be appointed at each annual meeting, after the election of officers, the following named committees, who shall serve until their successors are appointed :

1. A Committee on Finance and Accounts.
2. A Committee on Tariffs and Transportation.
3. A Committee on Classification.
4. A Committee on Foreign Affairs.
5. A Committee on Opening Ceremonies.
6. A Committee on Arts and Sciences.
7. A Committee on Manufactures.
8. A Committee on Mining.
9. A Committee on History, Literature, and Popular Education.
10. A Committee on Commerce and Navigation.
11. A Committee on Agriculture and Live Stock.
12. A Committee on Legislation.
13. A Committee on Horticulture and Floriculture.
14. A Committee on Fisheries and Fish Culture.
15. A Committee on Nomination of Secretaries of Departments.

Each Committee shall consist of seven members, and shall elect its own Chairman, of which notice shall be given to the Secretary.

ARTICLE XII.

Stated Meetings.

The stated annual meeting of the Commission shall be held on the third Wednesday of May of each year, after 1873.

ARTICLE XIII.

Amendments to By-Laws.

Amendments to the By-Laws shall only be made at a meeting of the Commission, as provided for in the fifth section of the Act of Congress.

ARTICLE XIV.

Committee on Nomination of Secretaries of Divisions.

Suitable persons shall be selected from time to time, as the necessities of the Exhibition shall require, to act as Secretaries of the various Divisions of the Exhibition, according to the classification ; and a Standing Committee of seven (7), to be selected by the Chair, shall be constituted, by which such Secretaries shall be nominated, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XV.

Limitation of Time for Occupying the Floor.

At the Meetings of the Commission, no member shall occupy the floor longer than ten minutes, unless by unanimous consent.

Copy of Act of Congress Creating the Commission,

APPROVED MARCH 3, 1871.

AN ACT

To provide for Celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence, by holding an International Exhibition of Arts, Manufactures, and Products of the Soil and Mine, in the City of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America was prepared, signed, and promulgated in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-six, in the City of Philadelphia; and, whereas, it behooves the people of the United States to celebrate, by appropriate ceremonies, the centennial anniversary of this memorable and decisive event, which constituted the fourth day of July, Anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy-six, the birthday of the nation; and, whereas, it is deemed fitting that the completion of the first century of our national existence shall be commemorated by an Exhibition of the natural resources of the country and their development, and of its progress in those arts which benefit mankind, in comparison with those of older nations; and, whereas no place is so appropriate for such an Exhibition as the city in which occurred the event it is designed to commemorate; and, whereas, as the Exhibition should be a National Celebration, in which the people of the whole country should participate, it should have the sanction of the Congress of the United States; Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That an Exhibition of American and Foreign Arts, Products and Manufactures, shall be held, under the auspices of the Government of the United States, in the City of Philadelphia, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

SECTION 2. That a Commission, to consist of not more than one delegate from each State, and from each Territory of the United States, whose functions shall continue until the close of the Exhibition, shall be constituted, whose duty it shall be to prepare and superintend the execution of a plan for holding the Exhibition; and after conference with the authorities of the City of Philadelphia, to fix upon a suitable site within the corporate limits of the said city, where the Exhibition shall be held.

SECTION 3. That said Commissioners shall be appointed within one year from the passage of this Act, by the President of the United States, on the nomination of the governors of the States and Territories respectively.

SECTION 4. That in the same manner there shall be appointed one Commissioner from each State and Territory of the United States, who shall assume the place and perform the duties of such Commissioner and Commissioners as may be unable to attend the meetings of the Commission.

SECTION 5. That the Commission shall hold its meetings in the City of Philadelphia, and that a majority of its members shall have full power to make all needful rules for its government.

SECTION 6.. That the Commission shall report to Congress, at the first session after its appointment, a suitable date for opening and for closing the Exhibition; a schedule of

appropriate ceremonies for opening and dedicating the same ; a plan or plans of the buildings ; a complete plan for the reception and classification of articles intended for exhibition ; the requisite custom-house regulations for the introduction into this country of the articles from foreign countries intended for exhibition ; and such other matters as in their judgment may be important.

SECTION 7. That no compensation for services shall be paid to the Commissioners or other officers provided by this Act from the Treasury of the United States ; and the United States shall not be liable for any expenses attending such exhibition, or by reason of the same.

SECTION 8. That whenever the President shall be informed by the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania that provision has been made for the erection of suitable buildings for the purpose, and for the exclusive control by the Commission herein provided for of the proposed Exhibition, the President shall, through the Department of State, make proclamation of the same, setting forth the time at which the Exhibition will open and the place at which it will be held ; and he shall communicate to the diplomatic representatives of all nations copies of the same, together with such regulations as may be adopted by the Commissioners, for publication in their respective countries.

Copy of an Act of Congress creating the Centennial Board of Finance,

APPROVED JUNE 1, 1872.

AN ACT

*Relative to the Centennial International Exhibition to be held
in the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, in
the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six.*

WHEREAS, Congress did provide by an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence, by holding an International Exhibition of Arts, Manufactures, and Products of the Soil and Mine, in the City of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, for the appointment of Commissioners to promote and control the Exhibition of the national resources and their development, and the nation's progress in arts which benefit mankind, and to suggest and direct appropriate ceremonies by which the people of the United States may commemorate that memorable and decisive event, the Declaration of American Independence by the Congress of the United Colonies, assembled in the City of Philadelphia, on the fourth day of July, Anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy-six; and, whereas, such provisions should be made for procuring the funds requisite for the purposes aforesaid, as will enable all the people of the United States, who have shared the common blessings resulting from national independence, to aid in the preparation and conduct of said International Exhibition,

and memorial celebration under the direction of the Commissioners of the United States ; Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created a body corporate, to be known by the name of the Centennial Board of Finance, and by that name to have an incorporate existence until the object for which it is formed shall have been accomplished ; and it shall be competent to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in all courts of law and equity in the United States ; and may make and have a corporate seal, and may purchase, take, have, and hold, and may grant, sell, and at pleasure dispose of all such real and personal estate as may be required in carrying into effect the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled, “ An Act to provide for celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of American Independence, by holding an International Exhibition of Arts and Manufactures, and Products of the Soil and Mine, in the City of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six,” approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and all acts supplementary thereto ; and said Centennial Board of Finance shall consist of the following named persons, their associates and successors, from the States and Territories as herein set forth.

Here follows the names of Corporators.

SECTION 2. That the said corporation shall have authority, and is hereby empowered to secure subscriptions of capital stock to an amount not exceeding ten million dollars, to be divided into shares of ten dollars each, and to issue to the subscribers of said stock certificates therefor under the corporate seal of said corporation, which certificates shall

bear the signature of the President and Treasurer, and be transferable under such rules and regulations as may be made for the purpose. And it shall be lawful for any municipal or other corporate body existing by or under the laws of the United States, to subscribe and pay for shares of said capital stock; and all holders of said stock shall become associates in said corporation, and shall be entitled to one vote on each share. And it shall be the duty of the United States Centennial Commission to prescribe rules to enable absent stockholders to vote by proxy. The proceeds of said stock, together with the receipts from all other sources, shall be used by said corporation for the erection of suitable buildings, with their appropriate fixtures and appurtenances, and for all other expenditures required in carrying out the objects of the said Act of Congress of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and which may be incident thereto. And the said corporation shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings, and full accounts, with the vouchers thereof, of all the receipts and expenditures, and the same shall be always open to the inspection of the United States Centennial Commission, or any members thereof.

SECTION 3. The books of subscription shall be opened by the United States Centennial Commission, under such rules as it may prescribe; and an opportunity shall be given, during a period of one hundred days, to the citizens of each State and Territory to subscribe for stock to an amount not exceeding its quota, according to its population; after which period of one hundred days, stock not taken may be sold to any person or persons, or corporation willing to purchase the same.

SECTION 4. That after the expiration of said period of one hundred days, the United States Centennial Commission

shall issue a call for a meeting by publication in one or more newspapers published at the capital of each State and Territory, not less than thirty days prior thereto, of the corporators and all others who may then have subscribed for stock, to be held in the City of Philadelphia, for the purpose of electing a board of directors, to consist of twenty-five stockholders, whose term of office shall be one year, and until their successors shall have been qualified; at which meeting those who may be present in person or by proxy, of whom one hundred shall constitute a quorum, shall be competent to organize and elect said officers. The said Board of Directors, and every subsequent board, shall be chosen by the stockholders, out of a list of one hundred stockholders, selected and nominated by the United States Centennial Commission. Nine members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but no election or change of officers shall take place unless at a meeting of the Board of Directors, at which a majority shall be present.

SECTION 5. That the said board of directors shall elect, from its own number, a president and two vice-presidents, whose term of office shall be one year, and until their successors shall have been duly qualified, and shall appoint a treasurer, a secretary, and such other officers as may be required to carry out the purposes of the corporation; which elected and appointed officers shall hold their respective offices during the pleasure of the board, receiving such compensation as the board may prescribe. And the board shall also adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations, for its own government, and for the government of its officers, as may be deemed expedient; *Provided*, That the same shall not be inconsistent with any Act of Congress or the rules adopted by the United States Centennial Commission.

SECTION 6. That as soon as the Board of Directors shall have been duly organized, as provided for in section five of this act, it shall be the duty of the United States Centennial Commission to deliver to the said board all stock subscription books, with the papers and records of any kind in its possession, pertaining to the same.

SECTION 7. That the grounds for the Exhibition shall be prepared and the buildings erected by the said corporation in accordance with the plans, which shall have been previously adopted by the United States Centennial Commission, and the rules and regulations of said corporation, governing rates for "entrance" and "admission" fees or otherwise affecting the rights, privileges or interests of the exhibitors, or of the public, shall be fixed and established by the United States Centennial Commission; and no grant conferring rights or privileges of any description connected with the said grounds or buildings, or relating to said exhibition or celebration, shall be made without the consent of the United States Centennial Commission; and said commission shall have power to control, change or revoke all such grants, and shall appoint all judges and examiners, and award all premiums.

SECTION 8. That the Centennial Board of Finance shall have authority to issue bonds, not in excess of its capital stock, and secure the payment of the same, principal and interest, by mortgage upon its property and prospective income.

SECTION 9. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, to cause to be prepared, in accordance with a design approved by the United States Centennial Commission and the Secretary of the Treasury, a

sufficient number of certificates of stock to meet the requirements of this act; and any person found guilty of counterfeiting, or attempting to counterfeit, or knowingly circulating false certificates of stock, herein authorized, shall be subject to the same pains and penalties as are or may be provided by law for counterfeiting United States Currency; but nothing in this act shall be so construed as to create any liability of the United States, direct or indirect, for any debt or obligation incurred, nor for any claim, by the Centennial International Exhibition, or the corporation hereby created, for aid or pecuniary assistance from Congress or the Treasury of the United States, in support or liquidation of any debts or obligations created by the corporation herein authorized: *And provided*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to override or interfere with the laws of any State; and all contracts made in any State for the purposes of the Centennial International Exhibition shall be subject to the laws thereof: *And provided further*, That no member of said Centennial Board of Finance assumes any personal liability for any debt or obligation which may be created or incurred by the corporation authorized by this act.

SECTION 10. That as soon as practicable, after the said Exhibition shall have been closed, it shall be the duty of said corporation to convert its property into cash, and, after the payment of all its liabilities, to divide its remaining assets among its stockholders, *pro rata*, in full satisfaction and discharge of its capital stock. And it shall be the duty of the United States Centennial Commission to supervise the closing up of the affairs of said corporation, to audit its accounts, and submit, in a report to the President of the United States, the financial results of the Centennial Exhibition.

SECTION 11. That the Commission created by the act referred to in the preamble of this act is hereby made and

constituted a body politic and corporate in law, with power to do such acts, and to enter into such obligations as may be promotive of the purposes for which such Commission was established. Its title shall be the United States Centennial Commission. It shall have a common and corporate seal, and possess all the rights incident to corporate existence.

SECTION 12. That the Alternate Commissioners appointed pursuant to section four of the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, referred to in the preamble to this act, shall have all the powers of a Commissioner when the Commissioner is not present at any meeting. When the Commissioner is present the Alternate may participate in the debates and serve on committees, but shall have no vote. The appointment of all the Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners made since March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, are hereby ratified and confirmed; and all vacancies now existing, or which may hereafter exist, whether by death, resignation, removal from the State or Territory, or otherwise, shall be filled, at any time hereafter, in like manner as is provided in said Act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, for the appointment of Commissioners.

SECTION 13. That it shall be the duty of the United States Centennial Commission to make report, from time to time, to the President of the United States, of the progress of the work, and in a final report present a full exhibit of the result of the United States Centennial Celebration and Exhibition of eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Approved, June 1, 1872.

Centennial Board of Finance.

OFFICERS

OF THE

Centennial Board of Finance.

President.

JOHN WELSH, Philadelphia.

Vice Presidents.

WILLIAM SELLERS, Philadelphia.

JOHN S. BARBOUR, Virginia.

Directors.

SAMUEL M. FELTON, Philadelphia.

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JOHN PRICE WETHERILL, Philadelphia.

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HENRY LEWIS, Philadelphia.

AMOS R. LITTLE, Philadelphia.

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A. S. HEWITT, New York.

JOHN CUMMINGS, Massachusetts.

JOHN GORHAM, Rhode Island.

CHARLES W. COOPER, Pennsylvania.

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J. B. DRAKE, Illinois.

GEORGE BAIN, Missouri.

Secretary and Treasurer.

FREDERICK FRALEY, Philadelphia.

COMMITTEES OF THE DIRECTORS.

On Finance and Accounts.—MESSRS. WETHERILL, WINSOR, STEEL, COOPER, and GORHAM.

On Subscriptions—In Philadelphia and New York.—MESSRS. WANAMAKER, STEEL, BIDDLE, LEWIS, LITTLE and HEWITT.

In Boston and Eastern States.—MESSRS. LEWIS, LITTLE, CUMMINGS and GORHAM.

In Pennsylvania.—MESSRS. SHORTRIDGE, BIGLER, WETHERILL and COOPER.

In Western States.—MESSRS. BIDDLE, DRAKE and BAIN.

In Southern States.—MESSRS. FOX, PATTON, BARBOUR and LITTLE.

In New Jersey and Delaware.—MESSRS. DUDLEY, HEWITT and SHORTRIDGE.

On Transportation Duties and Storage.—MR. BIDDLE.

On Congressional Appropriation.—MESSRS. BIGLER, DUDLEY, FOX, COCHRAN, WETHERILL and BARBOUR.

On Relations between the United States Centennial Commission and Board of Finance.—MESSRS. WINSOR and ROBB.

On Grounds, Plans and Buildings.—MESSRS. COCHRAN, SELLERS, FELTON, BIDDLE and LEWIS.

On Plans for Permanent Building.—MESSRS. BIGLER and SELLERS.

On Medals.—MR. STEEL.

On Printing and Publishing.—MESSRS. WANAMAKER and ROBB.

On Law.—MR. ROBB.

On Certificate of Stock.—MESSRS. SHORTRIDGE and BIDDLE.

Joint Executive Committee.—MESSRS. LEWIS and WELSH.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
Centennial Board of Finance.

ARTICLE I.

Officers of the Board.

The officers of the Board shall be a President and two Vice-Presidents, whose term of office shall be one year, and until their successors shall be chosen.

ARTICLE II.

Quorum.

Nine members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but no election or change of officers shall be made except at a meeting of the Board of Directors, at which a majority shall be present.

ARTICLE III.

Election of Treasurer.

A Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Board, but shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Board.

ARTICLE IV.

Election of Secretary.

A Secretary shall be elected annually by the Board, but shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Board.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of the President.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise directed, and shall at his own discretion, or by request of any two Directors, call special meetings of the Board, giving ten days' notice thereof. He shall be *ex-officio* a member of all standing committees, and shall have all the power and authority incident to his office.

In the absence of the President, a Vice-President, if either be present, shall perform his duties, and in their absence the Board may appoint a President *pro tem*.

ARTICLE VI.

Duties of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall place all moneys of the Centennial Board of Finance in such depositories as shall be selected by the Board, and no moneys shall be drawn from the depositories or paid by the Treasurer except on warrants ordered to be drawn by the Board, which warrants shall be signed by the President or by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and shall be attached to the check of the Treasurer. He shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures, and shall report at each stated meeting of the Board the balance in each depository.

He shall also report quarterly to the Board, or oftener if required, a detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures. His books shall at all times be open to the inspection of any member of the Board, or of the United States Centennial Commission.

In addition to his duties as Treasurer, he shall also perform such other services as the Board may prescribe.

ARTICLE VII.

Duties of the Secretary.

The Secretary shall receive, file and carefully preserve all papers, property of the Board, and shall attend the meetings of the Board or any of its committees, when requested; shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board or any of its Committees, and shall discharge such other duties as the Board or its President may direct.

ARTICLE VIII.*

Executive Committee.

The President, Vice-President and the Chairmen of the several Standing Committees shall constitute an Executive Committee, and shall have full authority under the direction of the Board, to take such action in regard to its business as a majority of said committee may deem necessary or expedient, and report it to the next succeeding meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE IX.

Standing Committees.

As soon as practicable after the organization of the Board, by the election of its officers, the President shall appoint the following standing committees:

1. A Committee of Finance and Accounts of five directors.
2. A Committee on Subscriptions and Payments of Centennial Stock of nine directors.
3. A Committee on Grounds, Plans and Buildings of five directors.
4. A Committee on Law and Conference of three directors.

ARTICLE X.

Duties of the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts shall consider and report on all subjects relating to the providing, reception, custody and payment of moneys, and shall supervise and direct the Treasurer in regard to his duties, shall examine his accounts at least once in every month, compare the vouchers with his entry, and report the result to the Board.

ARTICLE XI.

Stated Meetings.

Stated meetings of the Board shall be held on the first and third Thursday of every month, at 9½ o'clock, A. M., and special meetings shall be held as provided for in these By-Laws, when business shall be presented in order as follows :

1. Roll call.
2. Reading minutes of previous meetings for correction or approval.
3. Report of Secretary.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Reports of Standing Committees in order.
6. Reports of Special Committees.
7. Unfinished or postponed business.
8. Any other business.

All reports shall be made in writing, and all motions and resolutions, if the President so direct, shall be made in writing.

No member of the Board shall occupy the floor in debate more than five minutes, except by unanimous consent of the Board.

ARTICLE XII.

Vacancies.

Vacancies in the Board, or its offices, may be filled by election by the Board, from nominations made at the next preceding meeting.

ARTICLE XIII.

Amendments.

Additions or amendments to these by-laws may be made at any stated meeting of the Board next following that when such additions or amendments may have been proposed, but no amendments or change in the by-laws shall be made except at a meeting at which a majority of the Board shall be present, and all the directors shall have been notified by the Secretary of the proposed change or addition, and it shall require the vote of two-thirds of those present to approve such amendments.

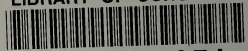
ARTICLE XIV.

Rules of Order and Parliamentary Law.

The meetings of this Board shall be conducted according to the rules of parliamentary proceedings in Cushing's Manuel.



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